## The Thread Master Plan



#### **Agenda**

- Introduction of PATH Planning Team
- Planning Considerations / Benefits of Trails
- Example Carrollton GreenBelt
- Trail Planning Goals
- The Thread Master Plan
- Next Steps
- Questions and Answers

#### **PATH Foundation**



• 501(c) 3 Non Profit

 Public-private partnerships with State, Counties, and Cities

 Private Sector Partner facilitates fundraising and fast tracking

#### 25 Years at PATH



- Built over 235 miles of greenway trails.
- Raised over \$50 Million from private sector for trail development.
- Caused \$100 Million to be allocated from public sector for trails.

#### **KAIZEN Collaborative**

- Assisted +20 communities and organizations
- Master Planned +715 miles of multi-use trails
- Designed for Construction +80 miles of bicycle/pedestrian facilities in the southeast



## City of Atlanta BeltLine

Atlanta, GA



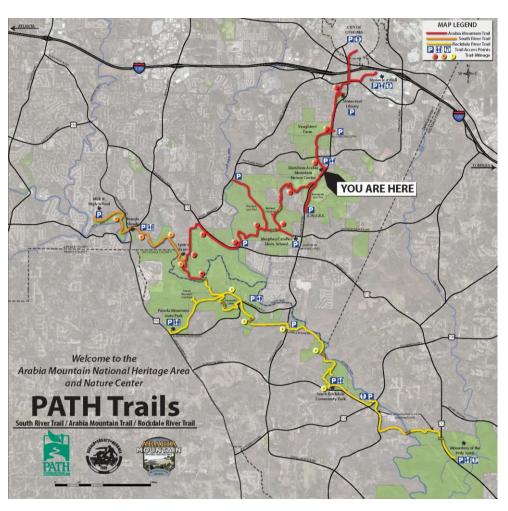


## Panola Mountain State Park Trail System Rockdale County, GA



## **Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area**

#### **DeKalb and Rockdale Counties, GA**







## **Spanish Moss Trail**

**Beaufort, SC** 





## **Island-Wide Trail System**

St. Simons, GA



#### **Planning Considerations**







< 1%

7%

**60% Interested but Concerned** 

33% No way No How

Need to be separated from the road

Strong & Enthused & Fearless Confident

Will ride in the road

#### **Planning Considerations**

# Target Trail User: "60% interested but concerned"





- They want low stress routes and separation from traffic...
- We must carefully select design treatments that meet expectations and are safe if we are going to sustain their user ship

#### **Trail Benefits - Millennials in Motion**





- Changing travel habits in Young Americans
- Desires for walkable / bikeable communities

#### **Trail Benefits – Economic Development**

# Beltline has helped local business boom

#### By Kevin Rathbun

Opening a restaurant is never a sure thing. Every entrepreneur takes a risk on a new venture. Since opening our first of three restaurants in Inman Park 10 years ago, location has been key to our success. We have always believed in the vision of the Atlanta Beltline, and taking the risk to locate our restaurants alongside it has paid off.

What we've seen next to Kevin Rathbun Steak on Krog Street has been incredible. Even before the paved trail, people were using the Beltline to exercise, walk their dogs



Kevin Rathbun is an Atlanta chef and owner of four restaurants.

and down the Eastside Trail are opening their doors to the Beltline, investing in new connections and entrances to attract customers.

This trend will likely continue and accelerate as new so a fantastic amenity for the public. It is making Atlanta healthier by promoting walkability and creating public space that enhances social interactions. People from every age and ethnicity use the Beltline, making real the vision we had for this project from the beginning.

When we opened Kevin
Rathbun Steak seven years ago
in Inman Park, we never could
have predicted the transformation of the abandoned rail
corridor next door. We knew
something good would happen. But the thousands of people who walk and cycle past
the restaurant on a daily basis





— Atlanta Journal –Constitution Article February 7, 2014

- Retain local talent
- Attract new businesses and industry
- Development of tourism based businesses

#### **Trail Benefits - Health and Wellness**



Enhance physical and mental health

#### **Trail Benefits - Alternative Transportation**





- Less dependency on cars and expanded roads
- Promotes social dignity for all citizens

#### **Trail Benefits - Quality of Life Improvements**





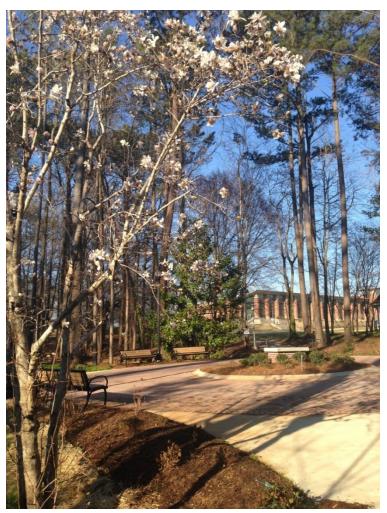
- Social interaction; neighborhood cohesiveness
- Nearby recreational amenity
- Enhance neighborhood security

#### **Carrollton GreenBelt**

Carrollton, GA





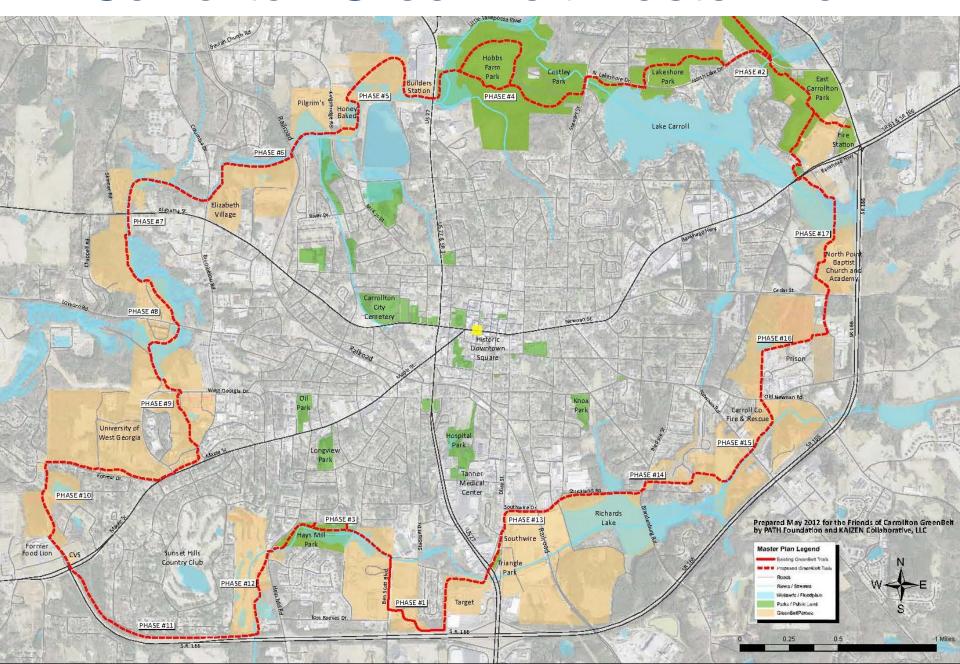


#### Friends of Carrollton GreenBelt

- Greenway Trail Vision established in 1999-2000
- Friends of Carrollton GreenBelt Founded 2010
- Master Plan & Implementation Strategy Completed 2011
- 18.4 mile Greenway Trail
- 5 Year Implementation (scheduled for completion December 2016)



## Carrollton GreenBelt Master Plan



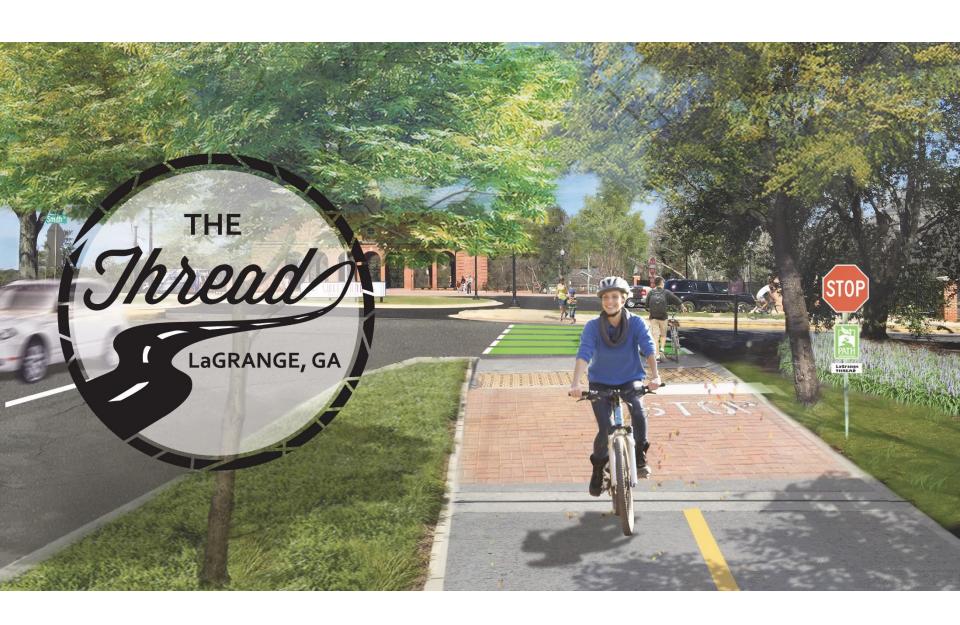








#### **The Thread Master Plan**



#### **Master Plan Goal**

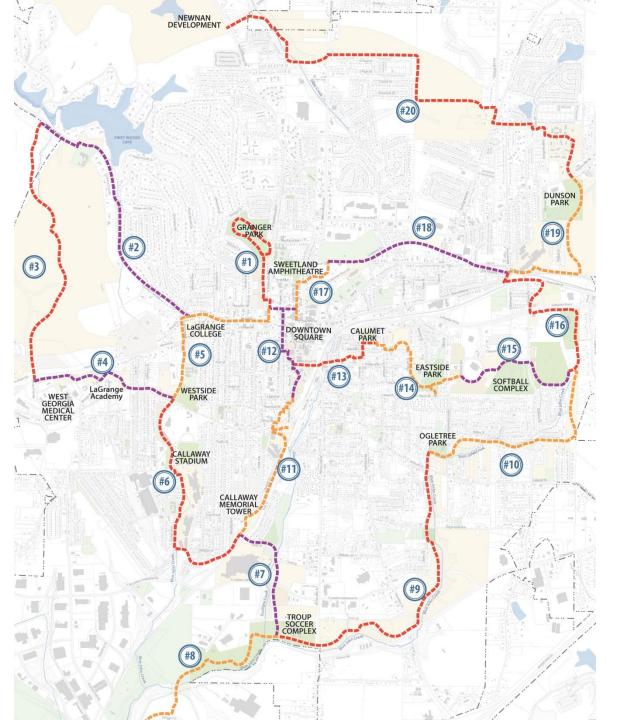
 Creating a trail system to target those "interested but concerned"





#### Field Work

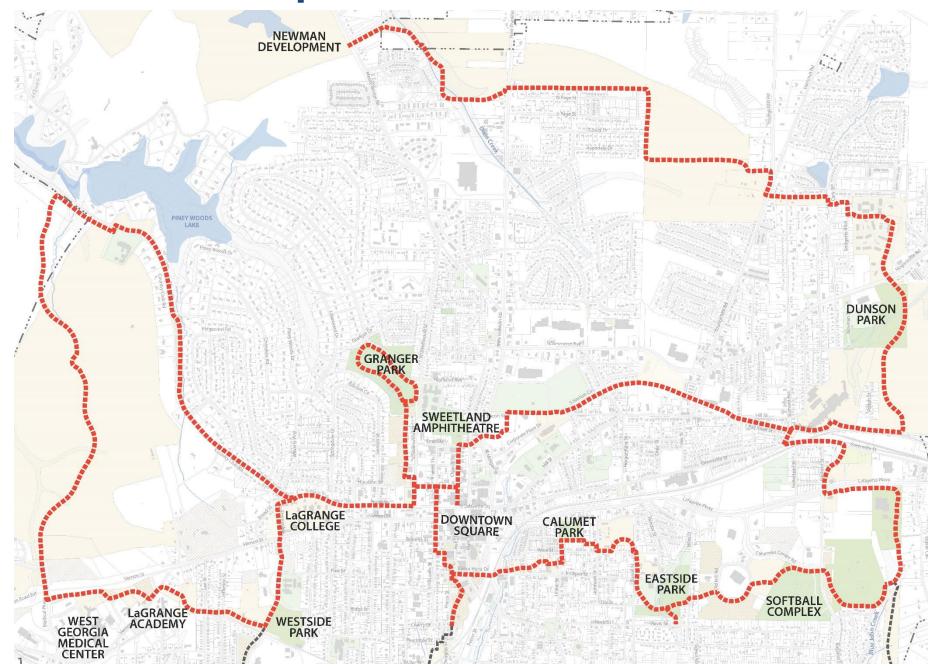




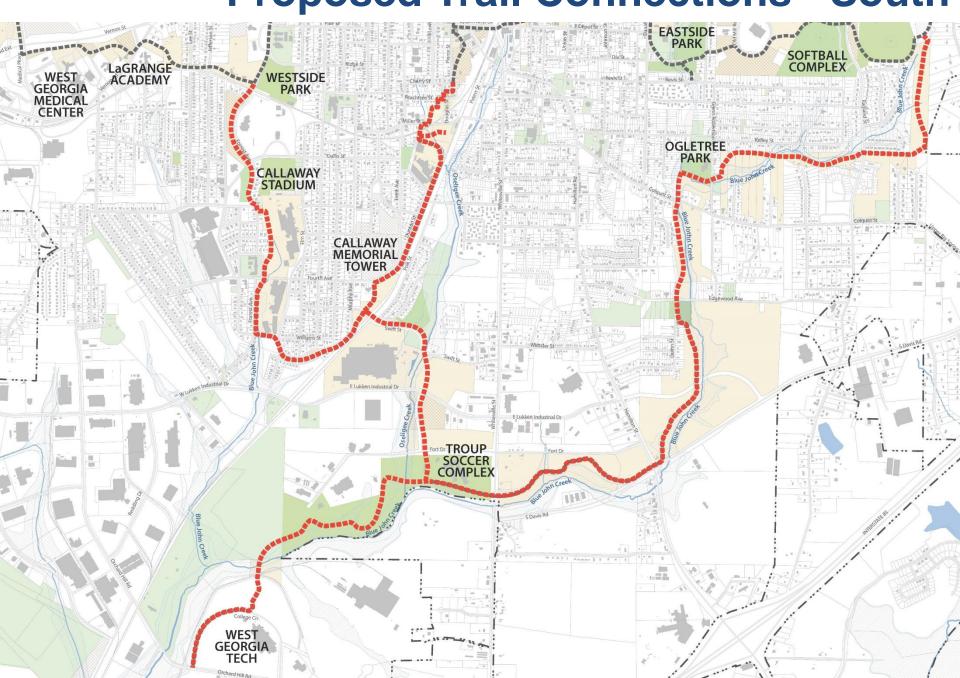


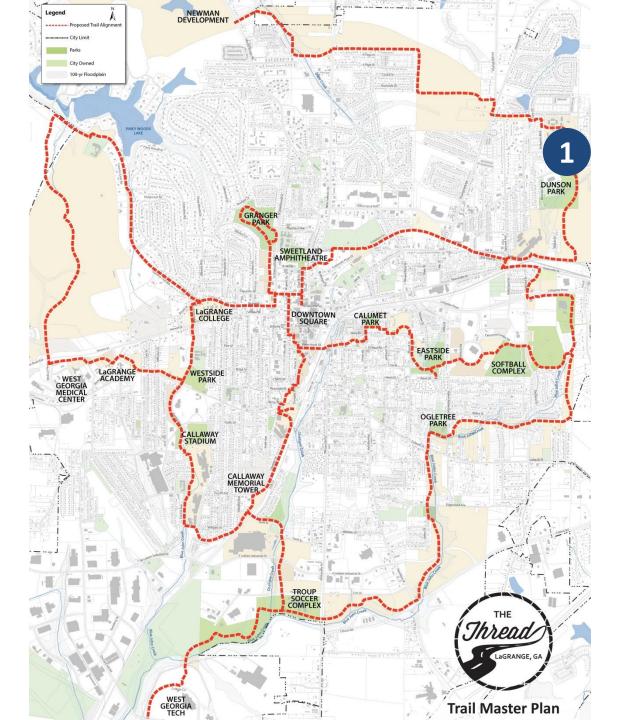
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- Approx. 27 miles

## **Proposed Trail Connections - North**



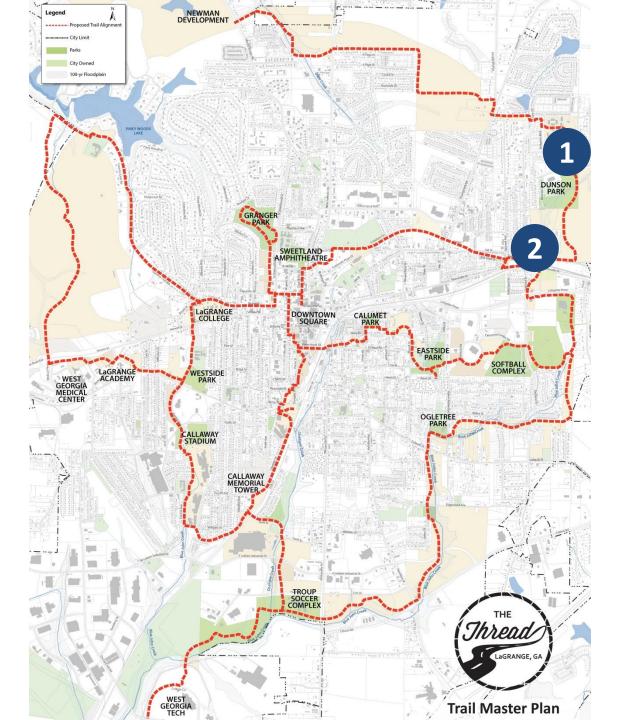
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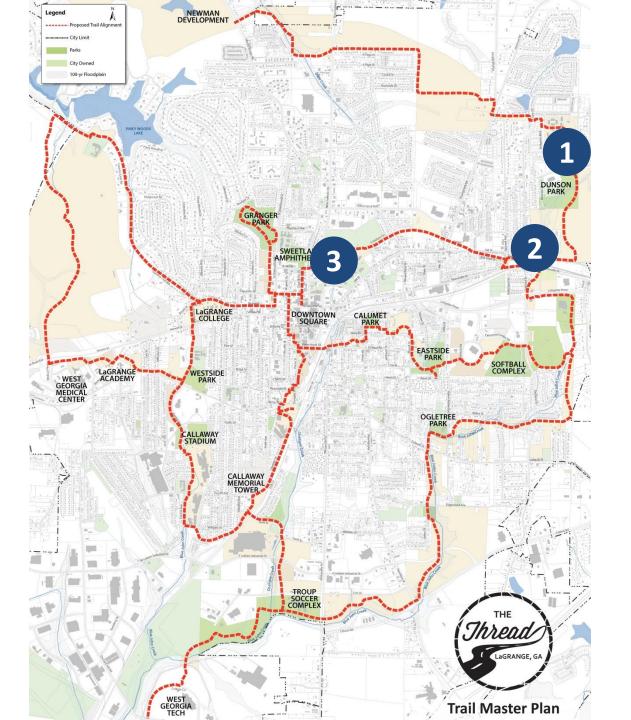






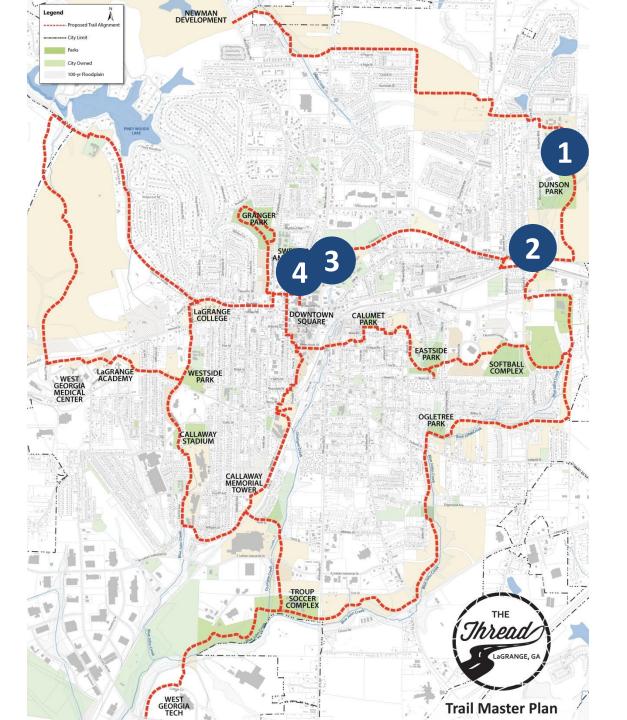






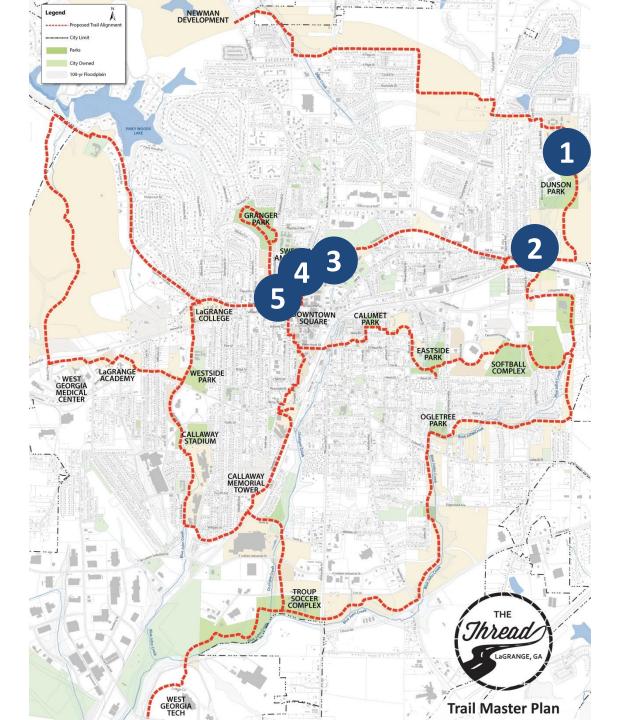






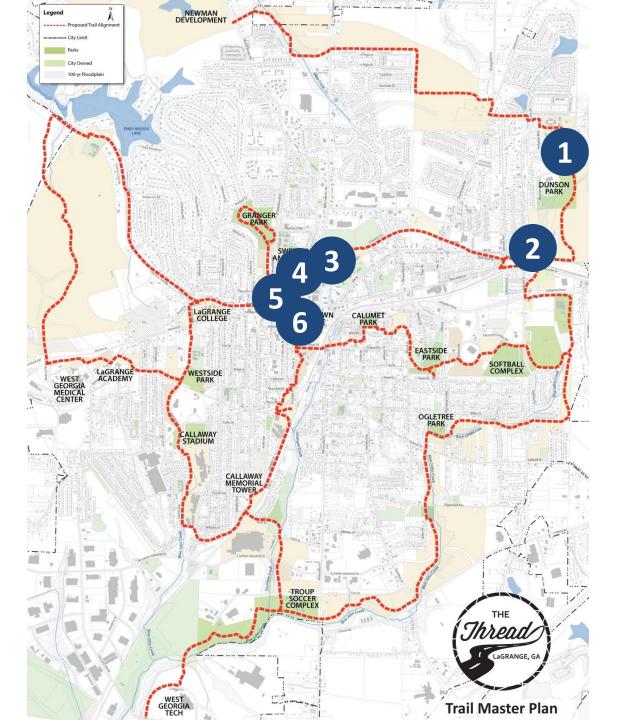






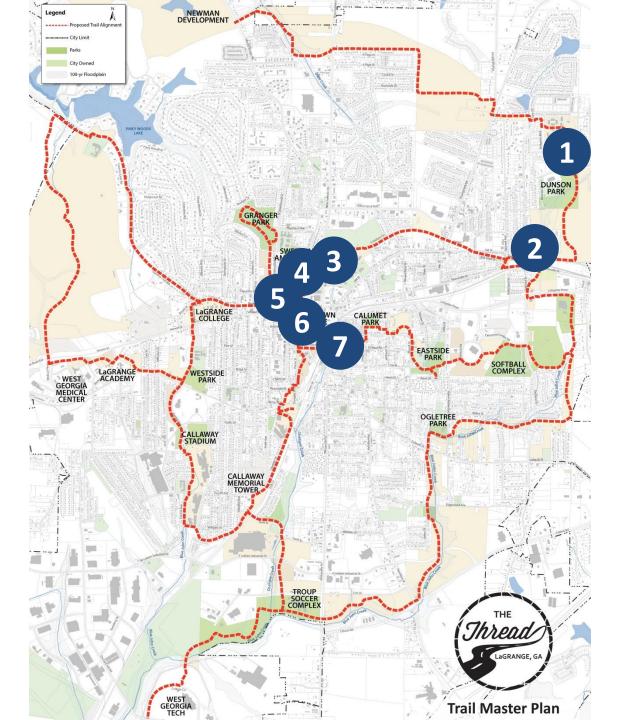






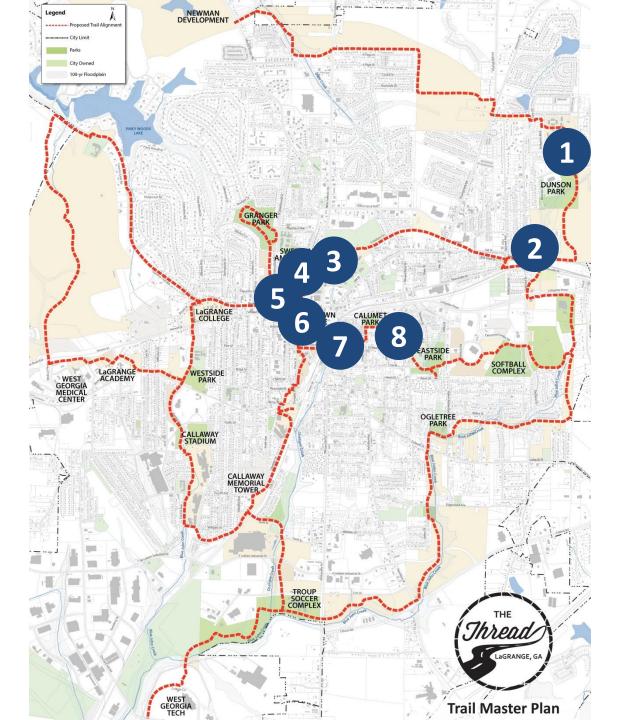






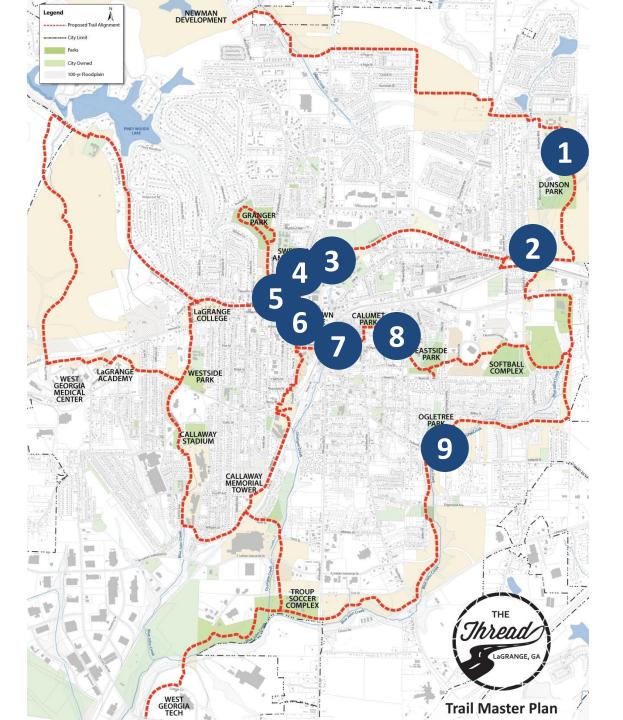










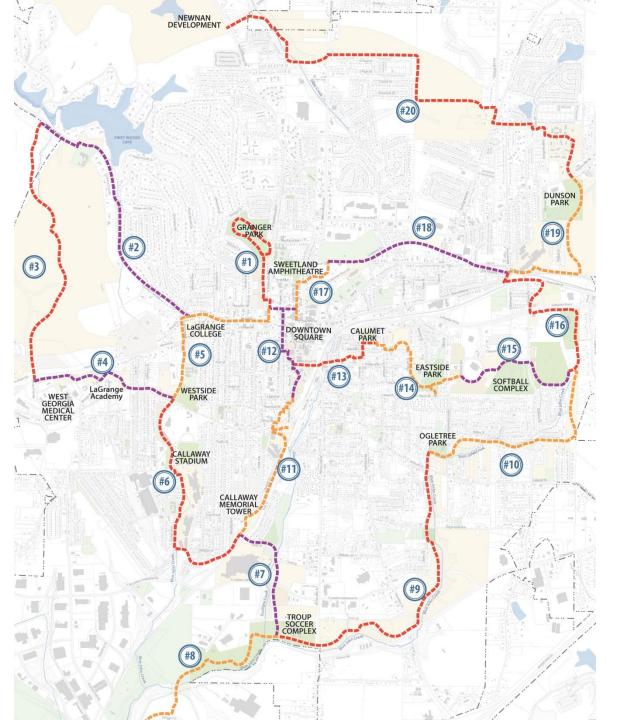






#### "Model Mile" - Granger Park Trail





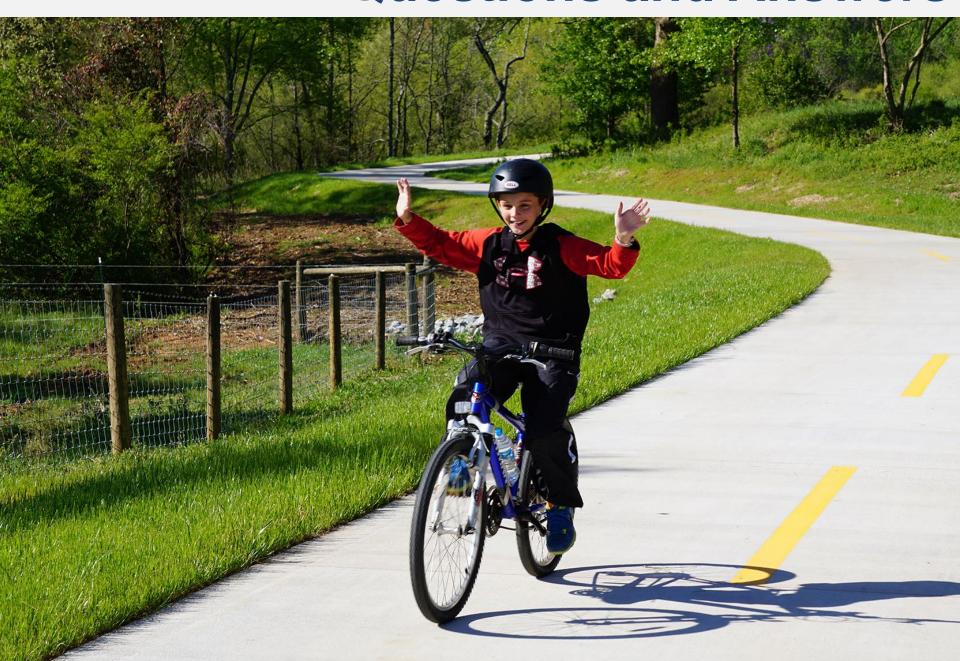


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# **Next Steps**

- Collect Public Comment
- Present DRAFT Master Plan to Steering Committee for review and comment
- Finalize The Thread Master Plan and submit for Mayor / City Council Adoption
- Design and Build the Granger Park trail segment

## **Questions and Answers**



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